

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [0083] as follows:

In view of the above described problems associated with known automated trading systems, it is an object of the present invention to provide an exchange system which facilitates matching of buyer and seller by initially providing search information to inform potential counterparties of mutual interest in a transaction, but optionally maintains potential counterparty anonymity until one party seeks to initiate contact with the other to ~~finalized~~ finalize negotiations for the deal. The system then provides a list of potential opportunities, any one of which may be selected to activate a communications link between potential counterparties, for disclosure of identity and other information. Typically, the communications are free form, but may include coded data or tokens. A transaction is only completed when both sets of transaction parameters are agreed upon by all parties to the transaction.